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California National Guard Adjutant General Confirmed

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Maj. Gen. William H. Wade II was confirmed last night by the legislature as the California National Guard's 44th Adjutant General. "I have great confidence in General Wade and in his ability to lead the nearly 21,000 great men and women of the California National Guard during this important period in the history of our state and nation" said Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Wade was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as the Adjutant General, Joint Force Headquarters, California National Guard on September 1, 2005. As a member of the Governor's Cabinet, he is responsible for the operation of the State Military Department. Maj. Gen. Wade commands the nation's largest and one of the most heavily tasked National Guard Force. "I am grateful for the leadership responsibility entrusted to me by Governor Schwarzenegger and the confidence in me bestowed by the state legislature" stated Maj. Gen. Wade.

Wade began his military career in 1970 when he enlisted into the California Army National Guard. He graduated from the California Military Academy in 1973 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the infantry.

Maj. Gen. Wade has served as the Recruiting and Retention Manager for California National Guard; Director of Plans and Operations for the Headquarters State Area Command; Commander of the 3rd Brigade, 40th Infantry Division (Mechanized), the Counterdrug Task Force, and Joint Task Force AEROSAFE.

In 2005 Wade was called to active duty and served as the Commanding General, Multi-National Brigade (East), Kosovo; the Assistant Division Commander – Maneuver, 40th Infantry Division (Mechanized); and the Army forces Commander for the Balkans theater of operations.

Wade's decorations include the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and the Army National Guard Master Recruiter Badge.

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